

# RUSSIAN BLUNDER

## BRITISH FISHING BOATS FIRED ON BY RUSSIANS

### WAR SHIPS TURN SEARCHLIGHTS AND FIRE

Two Englishmen Killed—Others Are Seriously Wounded—Intense Indignation at Hull—Britain Sends Urgent Note to Russia

HULL, ENGLAND: A. M. Jackson & Company, solicitors for the owners of fifty Hull fishing boats, have notified the foreign office and admiralty of an attack on the Hull fishing fleet by the Russian second Pacific squadron, commonly known as the Baltic squadron, commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky.

The official information is that, shortly after midnight Friday, the Russian squadron fell in with the Hull fishing fleet in the North sea. The first portion of the fishing fleet passed safely. Then the Russian ships turned their searchlights on the British vessels for some time and a little later opened fire.

The steam trawler Crane was sunk and the decapitated bodies of her skipper and mate have been brought to Hull. The boatswain and other members of the crew, who are understood to be seriously wounded, are on board a mission ship. The only slight-

ly injured member of the crew has arrived at Hull.

From interviews with members of trawler crews it appears that the admiral of the fishing fleet burned green flares to show that they were harmless fishermen, but these signals were ignored. Eighteen injured men are here under treatment. One trawler, the Wren, is missing, and it is feared she has been sunk.

The news has created an intense sensation and indignation in Hull. The Moulmein arrived with her flag at half mast. Her skipper states that the trawlers were fishing about 220 miles east by north of Spurn head, the weather being hazy, when the outlines of several vessels, apparently warships, sailing in a line, were dimly visible. Whilst the crew were watching the warships, searchlights were flashed upon them, in the glare of which the Moulmein's crew observed what they took to be torpedo boats approaching, apparently with the intention of boarding the Moulmein. They steamed away, however, and soon the fishermen were horrified to find they were being fired upon.

LONDON: The British government sent urgent notes of protest to the Russian government on the report of the Russian attack on the British fleet in the North sea, through both Ambassador Harding and the Russian ambassador in London.

ST. PETERSBURG: The authorities are dumfounded by the press reports of the Hull affair and cannot credit accounts as presented. For this reason the censor declined to allow the publication of the foreign accounts of the affair.

## CZAR PROMISES TO MAKE ALL AMENDS NECESSARY

LONDON: The inevitable delays of diplomatic procedure appear to retard a complete and satisfactory settlement of the acute differences between Great Britain and Russia arising from the deplorable North sea affair. King Edward has received from Emperor Nicholas himself a telegram expressing the deepest regret and a practical acknowledgement that Great Britain's note will meet with a reply conceding every demand for the act of aggression against the British flag, compensation for sufferers and punishment for the officers responsible for what is everywhere conceded to have been a gigantic blunder, and the Russian ambassador to the court of St. James has expressed to Foreign Minister Lansdowne his sorrow and sympathy. These developments have allayed to some extent the deep resentment in the public mind, and the admiralty has given evidence of its appreciation of the necessity of proving that it is prepared actively to support the position of the people of Great Britain and fulfill the expectations of the world when it issued the following statement:

"On receipt on October 24 of the news of the North sea tragedy, preliminary orders for mutual support

and co-operation were issued as a measure of precaution from the admiralty to the channel, Mediterranean and home fleets."

LONDON: All the steam trawlers, including the Gull from Dogger Bank, are now back at the Hull. There are no additions to the casualty list, which is confined to the crew of the Crane. The three wounded men who were brought to Hull belong to the Crane, having just left the hospital ship. They tell graphic stories, amply confirming previous reports of the affair, but appear unable to say positively whether they were cruisers or battleships.

In the meantime nothing is known of the exact whereabouts of the Baltic fleet. It is reported to have been seen in the bay of Biscay by a passing steamer, and therefore it is surmised that it is continuing on its course for Vigo. The report current at St. Petersburg of the arrival at Brest of the Russian squadron is evidently based upon a misunderstanding. The only arrival at Brest known here is of the Russian transport Knias Gortschkoff Tuesday morning, which has not communicated with shore and refused to let reporters go on board.

## MISTOOK FISHING SMACKS FOR JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS

VIGO, SPAIN: The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental. The weather on the night in question was rather hazy. About 1 a. m. two torpedo boats, which the Russians supposed were Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen

and were not aware that any damage had been done. Mistakenly, the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral repeated that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample compensation.

The arrival of the Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III., Borodino, Orel and Kniazoroff and the transport Anatol, which have anchored in this port, has caused considerable excitement.

# WORLD'S MARKET

Cotton.			
GALVESTON SPOTS.			
Ordinary	7 1/4	Middling	9 1/4
Good Ordinary	8 1/4	Good Middling	9 3/4
Low Middling	9 1/4	Middling fair	10 1/4

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.			
Ordinary	9	Middling	9 1/2
Good Ordinary	8 3/4	Good Middling	9 1/4
Low Middling	9	Middling fair	10 1/4

Grain.			
KANSAS CITY.			
WHEAT.			
No. 2 red		\$ 1 11	\$ —
No. 2 hard		1 08	1 10

CORN.			
No. 2 mixed		40	—
No. 2 white		40	40 1/2

OATS.			
No. 2		20 1/2	—

CHICAGO.			
WHEAT.			
No. 2 red		1 16	1 15 1/4
No. 3 red		1 10	1 12
No. 2 hard		1 11	1 16

CORN.			
No. 2		56	—
No. 2 white		56 1/2	54
No. 2 yellow		56 1/2	—

OATS.			
No. 2		20 1/2	—
No. 2 white		20 1/4	20 1/2

Live Stock			
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE.			

Steers—best		\$ 5 —	@ 26 25
—fair to good		3 75	5 —
Western fed steers		3 75	5 50
Stockers and feeders		2 —	@ 4 —
Southern steers		2 10	3 75
Western cows		1 50	3 40
Native cows		1 50	3 30
Native heifers		2 00	4 35
Bulls		1 75	2 30
Calves		2 —	@ 6 —

HOGS.			
Heavy		\$ 5 20	5 32
Packers		5 —	@ 5 20
Pigs and lights		4 60	5 10

SHEEP.			
Native lambs		\$ 4 25	5 25
Native sheep		3 25	4 10
Native ewes		3 —	@ 3 30

CHICAGO.			
CATTLE.			

Beeves		\$ 5 20	5 75
Cows and heifers		2 50	5 —
Stockers and feeders		2 —	@ 4 30
Texans		3 —	@ 5 50
Westerns		3 —	@ 5 —

HOGS.			
Mixed and butchers		\$ 4 05	5 35
Good to choice heavy		5 15	5 50
Rough heavy		4 60	5 05
Light		4 85	5 15
Bulk of sales		5 —	@ 5 15

SHEEP.			
Sheep		\$ 3 75	4 50
Lambs		4 50	5 50

FORT WORTH.			
CATTLE.			

Steers—top		\$ 3 60	—
—bulk		2 00	3 10
Cows—top		2 40	—
—bulk		1 50	2 10
Calves—top		4 25	—
—bulk		2 75	4 25

HOGS.			
Top		\$ 4 90	—
Bulk		4 75	@ 4 85

### NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN

Company Say Only Twenty-One Perished—Other Estimate Sixty

TRINIDAD, COLO.: The number of miners killed by them in explosion in Tercio is still indefinite. Local officials of the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company declare that, so far as they know, there were only twenty-one men in the mine at the time of the explosion. Reliable miners employed in the camp say that there were between thirty and sixty men in the mine. The regular force numbered eighty, but it is said about thirty of them were in town for the purpose of taking out naturalization papers preparatory to election. The number at work is not positively known, because the men are checked off when leaving the mine instead of when going in. The number of dead will not be ascertained until the mine is thoroughly explored. The men are foreigners, who had been recently imported to take the places of strikers, and their names have not been learned.

### The Cotton Market

DALLAS, TEX.: The position of the market remains practically unchanged from the closing of last week. Except in Texas, where the movement to market is on a smaller scale, owing to the determination of farmers to hold out for higher prices, receipts continue to keep weekly insights ahead of last year, and basis of crop for a yield of more than 11,000,000 bales. On the other hand, however, spinners continue to take cotton on a wholesale scale, accepting 318,000 bales during the last week, against 242,000 last year and 212,000 year before last; since September 1, 1,559,000, against 1,113,000 last year and 1,565,000 year before. These figures bring spinners' takings thus far this season close to a basis of 11,000,000 for the season, which is the estimate of this season's consumption of American by Ellison. The steadiness of the market of late has been due to operators looking for falling off in the movement when we enter the month of November, and it remains to be seen if such anticipation will be realized. The ginners' report has yet to be published in full, and the first of this week, issued the first of this week, and is expected to indicate a total ginned to October 18 of about 6,500,000 bales, against 3,700,000 last year and 5,800,000 year before last, but as no percentage of the crop ginned to the date mentioned will be published, its value as to the probable size of the crop will have been lost, and the trade will be compelled to wait for the official estimate of the United States government, to be issued on December 3, from which to get an idea as to what the total crop probably will be.

For the week the market is reported rather tame, though firm.

For seed the ruling price has been about \$12 at the stations and the sales average.

For prime crude oil 19c has been freely bid and there have been occasional sales at that price, but in small lots.

Meal had fair inquiry at \$22.25 to \$22.50 f. o. b. Galveston

Linters have been easy at 3c to 4c, according to quality and grade.

Hulls have been on a steady market, with a wide range of prices, according to the location of the mills.

### ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Prisoners at Chickasha Failed in an Effort to Secure Liberty

CHICKASHA: The prisoners in the United States jail here made an attempt to escape, and Tom Boswell, under sentence of horse stealing, was fatally shot.

There were about fifteen prisoners in the jail, and Deputy Marshal Madsen was soon to start for Fort Leavenworth with them. Three guards, Dave Hopkins Luther Smith and J. P. Ellis, were on duty.

Frank Goins, a prisoner, asked permission of Hopkins to go for a bucket of water and as he passed the guard turned and pinioned him from behind. At the same time Will Dunn, another prisoner, who was in the corridor, had secured permission from Smith to do some sweeping. With the broom he attacked Smith, and at the same moment Boswell escaped through the door and was about to attack Ellis. The plan evidently was to seize the guards, secure their arms and permit all the prisoners to escape.

When Boswell was within five feet of Ellis, the latter fired. The bullet penetrated the skull of Boswell. Ellis fired a second time at one of the other prisoners, but the shot took effect in Boswell's ear. Meanwhile Hopkins had struggled with Goins and shot at him. Goins was not hit. The prisoners all went back to their cells. There is no hope for the recovery of Boswell.

Goins is under a sentence of a year for cattle stealing and Dunn is to serve three years for embezzlement.